

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: PG:62-29 (PACS 2.6) Construction Date: circa 1945, circa 1960

Name: McNamee Motel Property

Location: 13350 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel Vicinity, Prince George's County

Private/Commercial/Occupied/Deteriorated/Restricted

Description:

The McNamee Motel Property consists of a 1-story, 6-bay concrete block office building and one L-shaped motel building which contains 12 units. The property is located on the west side of Baltimore Ave (US 1) in the Laurel Vicinity, Prince George's County. The office and motel were originally constructed circa 1945, and the office was expanded circa 1960. The office building is rectangular in plan, and is encircled by a hipped-roof porch.

Significance:

The McNamee Motel Property was constructed circa 1945 by Frances and James McNamee on 6.0 hectares (15 acres) of land they obtained from the estate of William Pinkney Magruder. The description identifies this land as being part of the Robert G. Henry Farm. The McNamee's subdivided the land in 1958, and the motel property became Lot 2 in Contee Heights. Later that same year, the McNamee's sold the property to Joseph and Patricia Watkins. The Watkins made the circa 1960 changes to the property. The Watkins sold the property to the current owners in 1979, with the .70 hectare (1.740 acre) parcel which surrounded the motel when the property was subdivided in 1958.

Maryland Historical Trust

DOE ☐yes ☐no

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic McNamee Motel Property (preferred)

and/or common Bay Shore Motor Company

2. Location:

street & number 13350 Baltimore Avenue

n/a not for publication

city, town Laurel ☒ vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county Prince George's

3. Classification:**Category**☐ district☒ building(s)☐ structure☐ site☐ object**Ownership**☐ public☒ private☐ both**Public Acquisition**☐ in process☐ being considered☒ not applicable**Status**☒ occupied☐ unoccupied☐ work in progress**Accessible**☒ yes: restricted☐ yes: unrestricted☐ no**Present Use**☐ agriculture☒ commercial☐ education☐ entertainment☐ government☐ industrial☐ military☐ transportation☐ museum☐ park☐ private☐ residence☐ religious☐ scientific☐ other:**4. Owner of Property:** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Dennis and Helen Schraf, Sr. and Dennis Schraf, Jr.

street & number 13350 Baltimore Avenue

telephone no.:

city, town Laurel

state and zip code

Maryland 20707

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records of Prince George's County

liber 5207

street & number Prince George's County Judicial Center

folio 774

city, town Upper Marlboro

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal☐ state☐ county☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 2

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The office has a flat roof with a plain parapet, and has a wood-frame addition on the south, and a shed roof wood-frame addition on the west elevation. It is of concrete block construction, and was constructed in two phases. The south portion was constructed circa 1945 and the north portion was constructed circa 1960. The windows in the older portion are 16-light metal windows, with the outer two rows of 4-lights operating as casement windows. The circa 1960 portion has plate-glass windows. The hipped roof porch is supported on paired wood posts, and has a poured concrete deck. The porch roof is covered in asphalt shingles.

The east, or front elevation, is composed of three distinct phases of building. The first phase of building occurred circa 1945, and currently constitutes the central 4 bays of the front elevation. It is of concrete block construction, and is divided into 4 bays by engaged pilasters with brick bases. The first bay has a boarded window opening, the second bay contains a door, the third bay has a boarded window opening, and the fourth bay has a 16-light window with 4-light transom. The second phase consists of a frame addition built on the south end of the first portion, within the parameters of the surrounding porch. The addition is sheathed in horizontal board siding. The third phase of building was completed circa 1960, and consists of a concrete block addition added to the north side of the original block building. It consists of 2 bays, the first a door with a painted transom, and the second a large plate-glass window which extends around the corner to the north elevation. The front elevation is unified by the continuous hipped-roof porch.

The north elevation consists of the north side of the circa 1960 poured concrete addition. There is a large plate-glass window in the first bay of the elevation, and two boarded doors in the second and third bays. A shed roof addition which extends from the rear of the circa 1945 portion is visible from this elevation. There is a boarded window centered on the north side of this rear addition.

The west, or rear elevation consists of the circa 1960 addition and the frame addition which extend from the circa 1945 portion of the building. There is a boarded window and a door in the circa 1960 addition. There is no fenestration on the frame addition.

The south elevation of the office is the south side of the frame addition. There is a door centered on this elevation. There is a garage door opening on the rear frame addition.

The motel building is L-shaped, and faces onto a central courtyard. It is constructed of concrete block with a flat roof, and has brick detailing at the window sills. There is a porch roof over the front facade. Each unit has a door and two 3-light metal casement windows topped by a 2-

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7. Description (Continued)

light transom. The motel units are extremely deteriorated, and the western portion of the L is has fire damage. There are 6 units on each side of the L. The motel units are located to the south west of the office building.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates circa 1945, circa 1960

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exceptions: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The McNamee Motel Property is located to the south of Laurel along Baltimore Avenue (US 1). Laurel is located on land originally patented to Richard Snowden in 1715 as "Snowden's New Birmingham Manor" in Prince George's County. "Snowden's New Birmingham Manor" was approximately 1214 hectares (3000 acres) from Old Columbia Pike to the present city of Laurel, and from south of Greencastle and Van Dusen Roads to north of Sandy Spring Road. The 1715 patent increased the already substantial Snowden land holdings, and later additions to Snowden land eventually covered 3749 hectares (9265 acres) by 1743. (Cook 1976: 270-271).

The Snowden family had established a grist mill at Laurel about 1810. In 1824, the grist mill was adapted to spin cotton yarn that was shipped to textile mills. In 1835, the mill was converted back to a grist mill. Snowden family members and the O.C. Tiffany company of Baltimore established the Patuxent Cotton Manufacturing Company. Factory buildings were built along the river, and the town of Laurel developed as a manufacturing town along Main Street running between the factory and the B&O Railroad station (Prince George's County 1974: 283; Prince George's County Historical Society 1980: 37). Laurel became the largest town in the county. The textile mill provided the basis for Laurel's economy into the twentieth century. When textile output began to decline early in the century, Laurel began to develop as a suburb for both Washington and Baltimore. Located halfway between the two cities, Laurel was accessible to commuters by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and by U.S. 1 (Prince George's County 1974: 284).

The McNamee Motel Property is an example of the commercial properties which developed in the mid-twentieth century to meet the needs of expanding automobile traffic. The motor hotel or motel developed quickly in the eras before and after World War II to provide inexpensive, convenient lodging for travelling motorists. Motels evolved from auto camps, places where tourists could

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stop and camp using their own tents and supplies. The enterprising camp owner saw the possibility of increased profits by offering modest cottages to rent for the night. Cabin camps quickly evolved, following the basic patterns of building arrangement including the row, row-on-row, L, narrow U, wide U, resented, clustered, and cruciform arrangement. Standardization flowed from the logic of a small cabin with room for parking in front. The office operated out of a central building (Jakle et al 1996: 36-38).

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1945 and circa 1960, the McNamee Motel Property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state, or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as its motel units are extremely deteriorated and fire damaged and the office has been altered by several additions. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility Not
 Recommended X
 Comments _____

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature] Date: 2/2/99
 Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature] Date: 2/3/99

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. PG:62-29 (PACS 2.6)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name Laurel, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state. code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan L. Taylor

Organization P.A.C. Spero & Company

date May 1998

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telephone (410) 296-1635

city or town Baltimore

state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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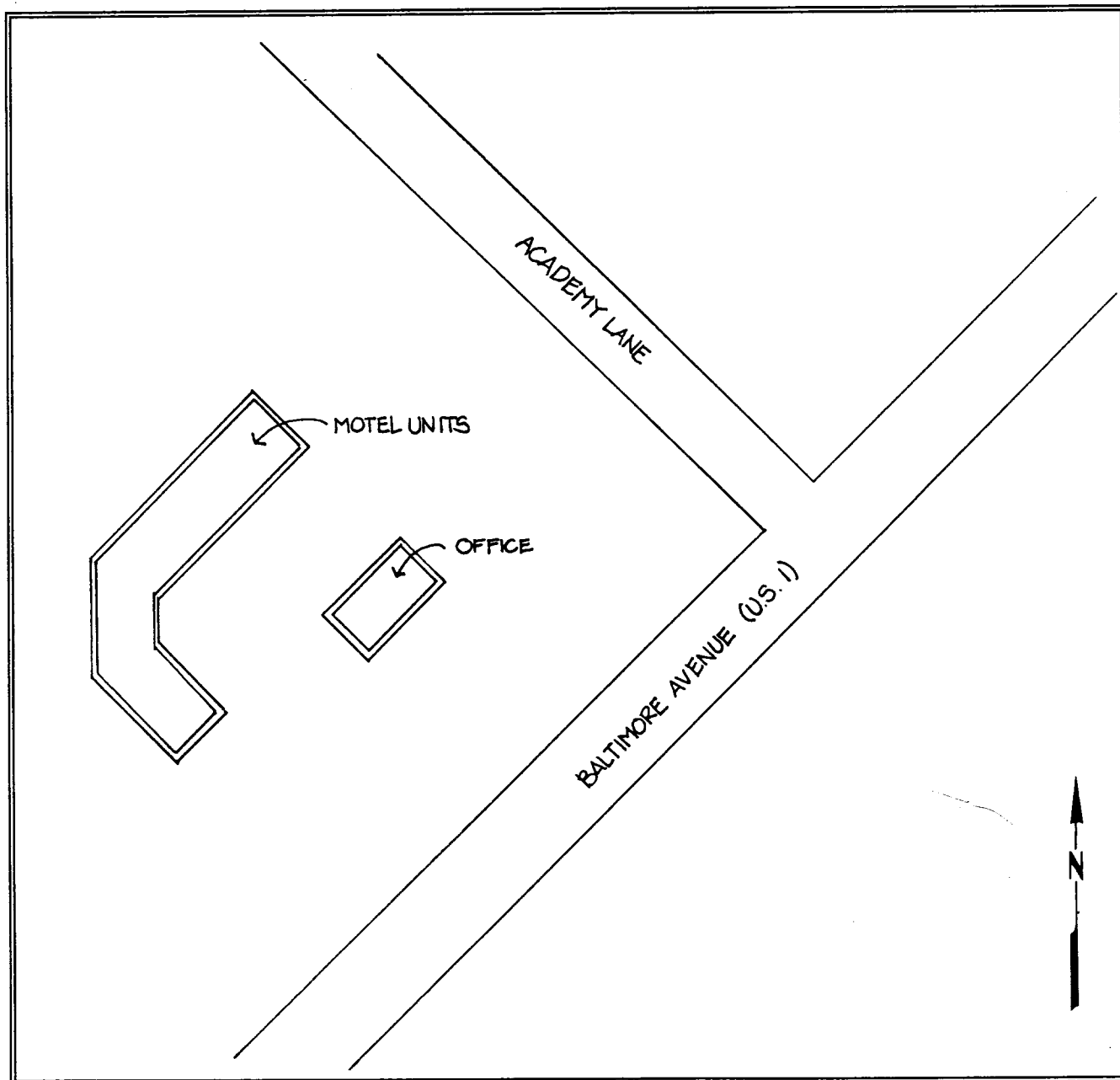
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Resource Sketch Map:



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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s): Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Transportation, Economic

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form): Buildings

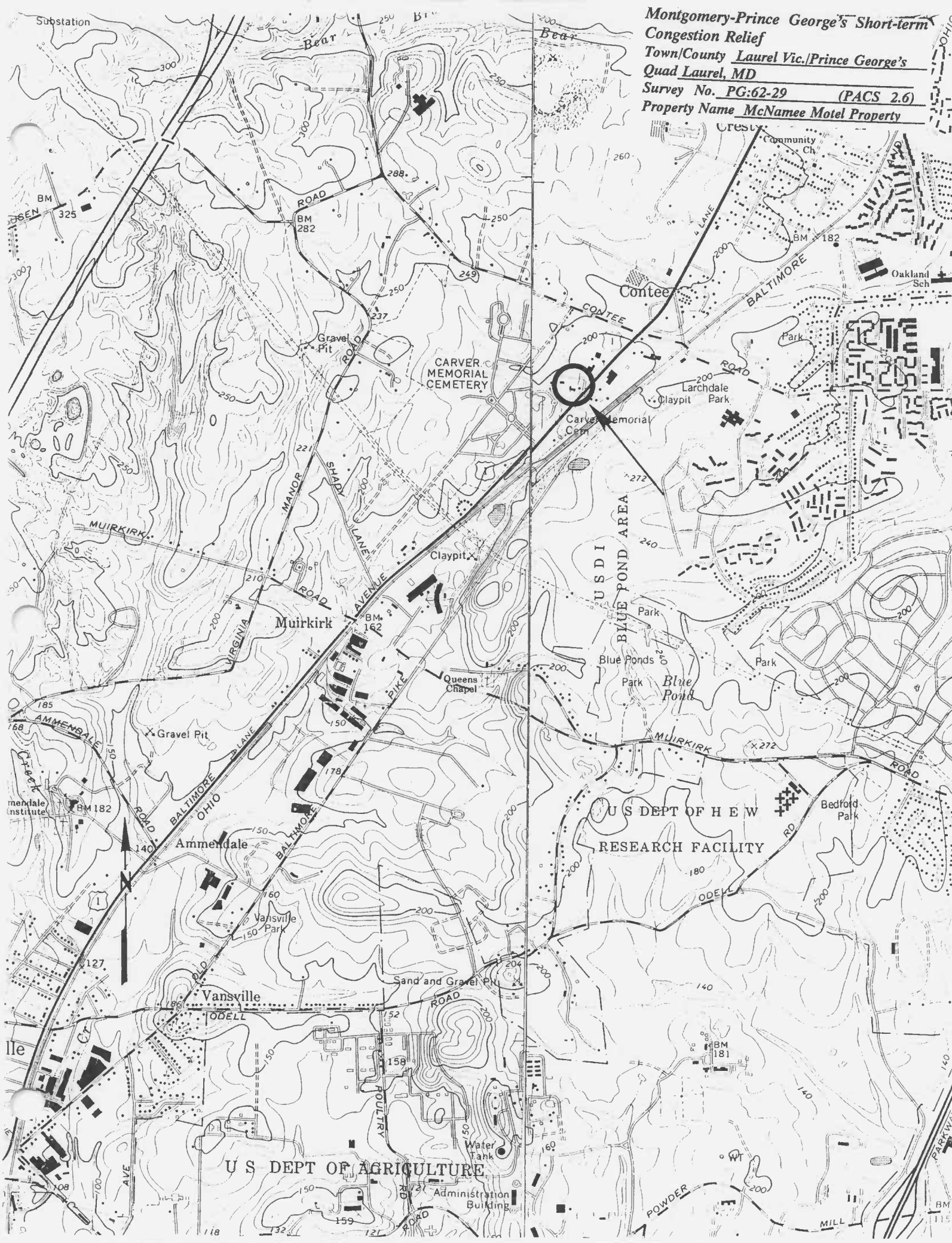
Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural): Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Transportation, Commercial

Known Design Source (write none if unknown): None

Preparer
P.A.C. Spero & Company
May 1998

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Congestion Relief
Town/County Laurel Vic./Prince George's
Quad Laurel, MD
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- 1 PG: 62-29
- 2 McNamee's Tel Property
- 3 Prince George's Co. MD
- 4 Susan T. 20/11
- 5 5/98
- 6 MD SHPU
- 7 East Elevation
- 8 10/11

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TRUCK



- 1 PG 62 27
- 2 NE Manor Motel Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co. MD
- 4 Susan Tainter
- 5 5/98
- 6 MD S-10
- 7 SE corner
- 8 2 of 11

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1 PG 62 29

2 McNamee Motel Property

3 Prince Georges Co MD

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/98

6 MD SHRO

7 South elevation

8 3 of 11

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1 PF: 62-29

2 McNamee Motel Property

3 Prince George, Co. in

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/98

6 MD SHPL

7 SW corner

8 4 of 11

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2 McNamara Motel Property

3 Prince George's Co, MD

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/98

6 MD SHD

7 office - west elevation

8 5-11



- 1 PG: 62-29
- 2 McNamee Motel Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co, MD
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 MD SHPD
- 7 NW corner (entrance)
- 8 G of H



- 1 Pg: 62-29
- 2 McNamee Motel Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co. MD
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 MDSTPO
- 7 Not correct
- 8 7 of 11

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- 1 PG 62 21
- 2 Melkinnge Motel Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co. MD
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 MDS HPO
- 7 North elevation
- 8 8/98



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WE PAY
CASH 50% **TRUCKS**

- 1 PG: 62-29
- 2 McNamee Hotel Property
- 3 Prince George's Co MD
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/78
- 6 MID STPO
- 7 NE corner
- 8 3 of 11



1 Pg 62-29

2 McManis Motel Property

3 Prince Georges Co. MD

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/98.

6 MD SHPO

7 Motel cabins (N & E elevations) with 12' x 12' x 12'

8 10 of 11



1 PG 62-27

2 McNamee Motel Property

3 Prince Georges Co MD

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/08

6 MD SHPO

7 Motel cabins (N elevation) 281100 5235.00

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